



## Joseph "Coach Joe" Smith

November 14, 1929 - August 30, 2022

Joe, age 92, passed away on Tuesday, August 30, 2022. He was a resident of Hammond, LA. Joe proudly served his country in the United States Army where he was a medical corpsman during the Korean Conflict. He dedicated his life to education and worked as a teacher, football and basketball coach in many different schools. Joe started his career in Missouri and moved to LA in 1966 where he worked at Springfield High and Independence High. He became a well known and deeply loved coach who impacted so many students. Joe also coached a semipro football team, known as the Bayou Thunder, in Hammond and took them all the way to the National Championship. Joe was also an official for the Hammond Area Basketball Association and served as the Assignment Secretary for many years. He was a member of the Krewe of Omega where he and his wife served as king and queen and he was lieutenant of a float. After he retired, he became the distributor of World's Finest Chocolate to all the local schools. To say Joe was a busy man is an understatement, but he loved every minute of it. In his spare time, he enjoyed attending sporting events, golfing, gardening, and fishing but most of all being with his family. Joe was truly a remarkable man that left a tremendous impact on so many. He will never be forgotten.

He is survived by his loving wife, Joyce M. Smith; daughters, Joy Winburn (Chester), Cynthia Boe' (Kirk); grandchildren, Ricky Winburn (Mindy), Ches Winburn (Kayla), Ashley Belanger (Wesley), Nicole Howell (Chris), Toni

Henley; great-grandchildren, Caroline Christian, Madelyn, Luke Winburn, Elliana and Jonah Howell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Joe is preceded in death by his son, Ricky J. Smith; parents, Benoist and Ruby Smith; brothers, Benoist Smith Jr., William J. Smith; and sister, Rose M. Hughes.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Heart of Hospice for their exceptional care of Coach Joe.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, 12012 Hwy 190 W. Hammond, LA 70401, on Monday, September 5, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Visitation will continue on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. until the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow in New Palestine Cemetery in Picayune, MS at 2:00 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## New Palestine Baptist Church Cemetery

2336 Palestine Rd.  
Picayune, MS 39466

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 5. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Hammond, LA  
12012 Highway 190 W  
Hammond, LA 70401  
(225) 567-1884

## Visitation

SEP 6. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Hammond, LA  
12012 Highway 190 W  
Hammond, LA 70401  
(225) 567-1884

## Funeral Service

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SEP 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Hammond, LA  
12012 Highway 190 W  
Hammond, LA 70401  
(225) 567-1884

## Graveside Service

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SEP 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

New Palestine Baptist Church Cemetery  
2336 Palestine Rd.  
Picayune, MS 39466

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph "Coach Joe" Smith*



Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - September 03, 2022 at 04:10 PM

DC

“ *Joe was a great friend . I was one of his Basketball officials for many years. I did not know he passed away. May he rest in peace. He was a great man.*

Dennis Cousin - December 08, 2025 at 06:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph "Coach Joe" Smith.*



September 04, 2022 at 05:56 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph "Coach Joe" Smith.*



September 03, 2022 at 10:04 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Joseph "Coach Joe" Smith.*



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September 03, 2022 at 06:05 PM



“ *Prayers for coach Smith's family. Cynthia, I know how close you were to your Dad and special thoughts for you as you go through this tough time. Sherry C*

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**Sherry Collura** - September 03, 2022 at 11:25 AM



“ *Prayers for Coach's family. We always enjoyed visiting with him at sports events & camping.  
God bless all of you,  
Stormy & Denise Lee*



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**Denise Lee** - September 01, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *Joe was a really good man! He welcomed me to officiating public school basketball from the private school association. He had a great laugh and loved to use it. Heaven got a great coach, official and assigner! May God hold his family in his loving hands and give them strength and peace!*

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**Jay Felker** - August 31, 2022 at 02:34 PM

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*Papa Joe*

*I will miss you so much and my heart is broken. My fondest memories are all our Friday Night Dates with you and Joyce. We have been doing our date nights for over 10 years and I always loved hearing your stories. Even when you broke your hip we continued with our Friday nights. We never had a date without you running into one of your students and telling us stories about them. They all loved you and looked up to the special man you were. Fridays will always be special to me.*

*Love you always  
Becky Raiford*

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**Becky Raiford** - August 31, 2022 at 09:28 PM

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*Peace has come upon the world. And peace has come to a dear sweet lady, Joyce. May God give you comfort in the coming days. I will miss you Joe. My heart goes out to Joyce who loved that man so. May the Lord Bless you both and keep you in his loving hands.*

*With much Love,  
Wayne Hilliard*

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**Wayne Hilliard** - August 31, 2022 at 10:22 PM

CB

*Joe Lenny has a game for you this Friday rip in peace my good friend see you one day God willing*

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**chris bertaut** - September 01, 2022 at 06:56 PM

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*Coach Smith guided me during my first year in Livingston Parish, at Springfield High. Loved and respected his deep, authoritative voice. RIP Coach.*

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**Irvin West** - September 03, 2022 at 02:49 AM

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*Many thanks to all of you!*

*He will be missed by many, especially me. He was so special to everyone and a great husband to me.*

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**Joyce Smith** - October 02, 2022 at 12:46 AM